

FIRST MONASTERY IN WASHINGTON.

The Pope Aids a Franciscan
Conventual Foundation
at the Capital.

THE COLONY FROM ITALY.

Plans for a Marble Structure
Close to the Site of the
Catholic University.

WITH THE NEW IMPULSE.

Men from the Monasteries That Have
Been Closed in Europe Will
Work Among Immigrants Here.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The Franciscans, one of the oldest and most powerful of the five canonical orders in the Catholic Church, acting on express orders received from the Pope, are about to locate near the Catholic University and establish there a great Conventual Foundation directly under the Papal protection. The entire movement has been shrouded in the utmost secrecy. Until a week ago not even Cardinal Gibbons has been notified of the Pope's intention. Forty-four acres of ground have been purchased and a magnificent white marble monastery will be erected upon plans now being drawn in Italy. Workmen are already preparing the site. The convent to occupy this monastery will come directly from Italy, with the special mission of working among the Italian immigrants.

The Pope directly interested in this movement and has made a large donation to the order. The Italian Government has closed a number of Franciscan convents and the movement to this country was thus made advisable. It is taken as a further indication of the intention of the Pope to make the Catholic University a Catholic educational impulse in the new world.

Mother House for Franciscans.
The first step in this movement was the recent announcement that His Holiness had ordered the amalgamation of the various orders of St. Francis into one body. Now the accredited agents of the Pope announce that he intends to found a mother house of the Franciscan order near the Catholic University. This tract of land was purchased last May, Scott Lord, esq., of No. 65 Broadway, New York City, quietly purchased this property, but refused to divulge the name of his principal. It now comes out that he was acting directly for the Pope, who, as a first contribution, made up the \$44,000 for the purchase. Mr. John B. Lamer, a lawyer of this city, was the local agent.

When the first inkling of this purchase became known Cardinal Gibbons and Monsignor Conaty displayed the greatest eagerness to find out what was meant, but so well had Rome kept the matter secret that not a word was known until last week, when Monsignor Conaty was hurriedly summoned to the Cardinal's residence in Baltimore and introduced to several Franciscans and the new scheme was explained.

Local Prelates Surprised.
The Pope's action in placing the Franciscans here is causing some astonishment, as it is a remarkable departure from established precedent, and can only be regarded as further evidence that the Pope desires to be not only in closer touch with the affairs of the United States, but to make Washington the center of Catholic activity in the New World.

The Franciscans are one of the five great canonical orders, and now the most numerous and powerful in the church. Their rule is extremely rigid, especially along the lines of missionary work. It is deemed probable that the Pope intends that their affiliation with the University may exert a wholesome influence on the administration of that institution. Those that know the fact, do not doubt that he at least desires to express his personal and fatherly concern in the affairs of the university, and to interest the great orders to make the university their focal point.

Up to this date but three unimportant orders have affiliated with the university, the Paulists, Marists, and the Fathers of the Holy Cross. The other canonical orders, the Dominicans, Benedictines, and Augustinians have held aloof. The university has not received the proper support even from the bishops. The American hierarchy has been indifferent. In the affairs of the university, and to interest the great orders to make the university their focal point.

Jesuit Endowment in Italy.
The Pope has also taken cognizance of the fact that the Jesuits have such conflicting interests with the Catholic University in Washington, because of the location here of their great novitiate at Georgetown, that it would be unreasonable to expect more of them than their moral support. He has, therefore, by a brief, dated October 28, presented to them in perpetuity, the lands, buildings and endowment for a great university in Italy, in the Province of Andria. This is a move to them that while they may not be expected to render direct aid, no opposition to the Catholic University either covert or overt, is to be permitted.

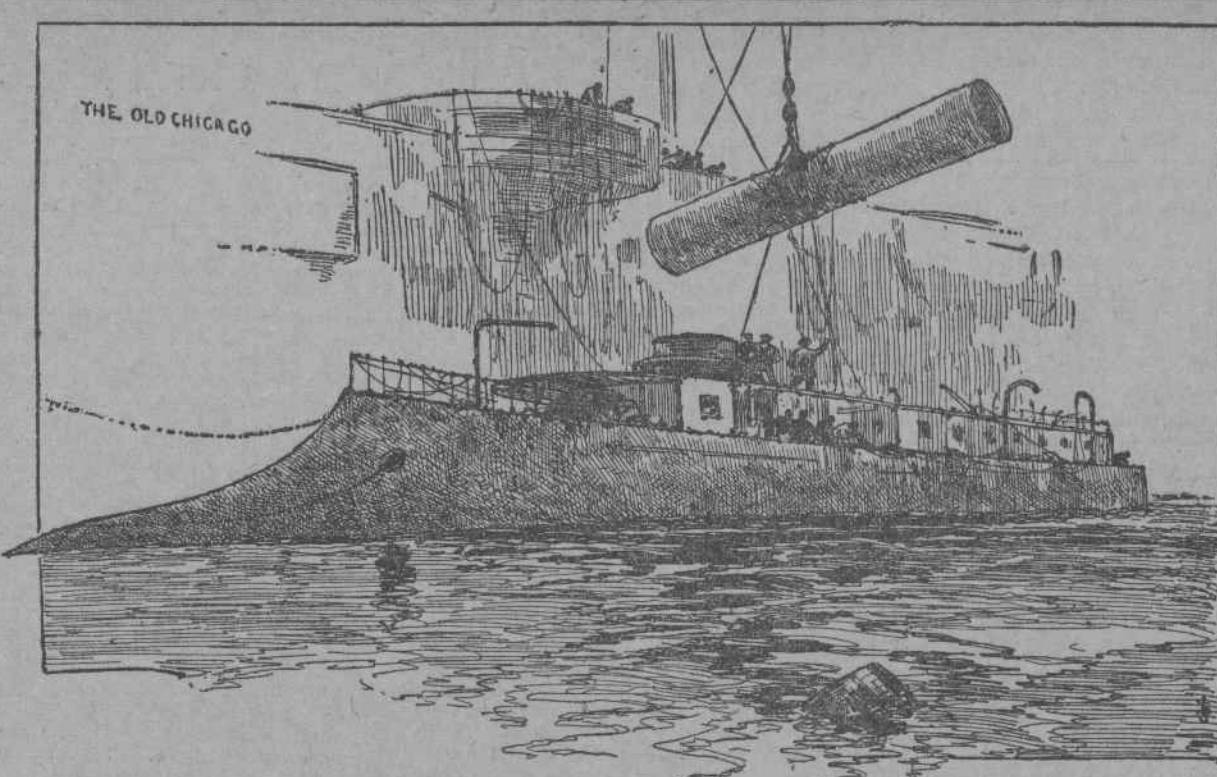
A few years ago the Dominicans expressed their willingness to locate near the great Washington University, but through a discussion of policy they have never matured their plans. It is likely now that they will begin negotiations. The Augustinians, who are the only order which the Pope has designated as his special favorites, is thought will be the first in order to come to Washington. The authorities of the Propaganda have already approached the Delegate on this subject. The reason assigned for the importance of the order to make this affiliation was on account of the unfortunate notoriety of the Schneider controversy and similar affairs. The numerous changes made in the faculty have also alarmed the orders, and the shifting policy along even serious educational lines has also disturbed the regular clergy.

Pope Intentions Plain.
It has become plain, however, that the Pope intends to take the reins of government in his own hands and direct affairs so that such troubles will be impossible in the future. It is altogether likely that the decision in the Schneider case will be delayed until the preliminaries of the foundation have been consummated and that Pope Leo will make that an occasion for a full pronouncement of his policy. The case of Dr. Quinn, whose forced resignation was announced yesterday, will also receive careful consideration in connection with this situation.

The nucleus of this new foundation will be eleven of the most learned men in the Franciscan Order, now stationed at Rome in various high capacities. Besides the mission alluded to at the Catholic University, these professors will be especially charged with training priests to labor among the poor Italian and Polish immigrants. It is also contemplated that in the future of time a normal school for Italians will be opened in connection with the educational work.

Warden Sage's Daughter Engaged.
St. Louis, N. Y., Nov. 25.—The engagement of Miss Mary Alice Sage, daughter of Colonel O. V. Sage, warden of Sing Sing Prison, to Harold Whitcomb Roberts, of Tulsa, N. Y., was announced today.

Last Sunday's gain in "Wants" 1 more than last year.



Costly Experimental War Vessel Being Demolished in the Navy Yard.

TIED to the battle ship Chicago in the Brooklyn Navy Yard there is a long, dingy red bulk, with a pale pink nose protruding, which is slowly being taken to pieces. The wreck is all that is left of the torpedo ram alar, better known as "Admiral Porter's Polly," a boat which was the pet idea of one ambitious man. She was fitted and refitted, but served only five years in her life of nearly a quarter of a century.

The Alar was built in the Brooklyn Navy Yard from plans cherished by Admiral David Porter. The plan of the vessel was to have speed and strength with which to drive into an enemy's long, sharp steel ram. The keel of the boat was laid in 1874, but she was not completed until 1881. Plans for her construction were repeatedly changed in process of building, so that she became a very expensive investment for the Government.

The Alar was first put in commission in 1881. She was made Admiral Porter's flagship for the centennial celebration at Yorktown, Va. In that capacity the boat looked into sudden fame. She was found to be too small in her accommodations to be desirable for cruising purposes, and was transferred to the Atlantic Squadron. She was kept ostensibly in service until 1888, when she was tied to the dock at the Brooklyn Navy Yard as utterly unfit. She has remained there ever since "in ordinary," as the term goes, which means deserted, her white paint crumbling away until the rusty red iron of her hull showed through.

The Alar is 158 feet 6 inches over all, with a beam of 28 feet and a mean draught of 10 feet 6 inches. Her displacement is 800 tons, and formerly she boasted a deck and conning tower of wood. She was originally credited with a speed of over eleven knots an hour, but the engines broke down on the trial trip, and the various experiments made since then have never succeeded in bringing her up to the first mark.

Secretary Long, of the Navy, ordered her to be sold last May. The old boat was valued at \$12,000, but even at that low figure no one could be found to bid for her. She has been tied up to the Chicago for fear that she might at any time go to the bottom, and now the order has been made to destroy her piecemeal. Her smokestacks and machinery have been hoisted over the Chicago's decks and are being dumped in the mass of rubbish piled up at the Navy Yard, a monument to useless expenditure. There has been an effort made to get an appropriation from Congress of \$120,000 for a building in which to store all of this old metal, but the scheme has fallen through.

PUT LIVE INSECTS ON SLEEPING WIFE

Amazing Cruelties Charged
by Mrs. Ridder in Her
Divorce Petition.

Dropping live cockroaches down the back of his wife's neck, exploding pinhead firecrackers in her bosom at 8 o'clock in the morning, and tickling the soles of her feet when she tried to sleep are a few of the delicate attentions Herman Ridder, printer, is alleged to have bestowed upon his spouse.

The woman is now seeking a divorce from him. He used to live at No. 157 West Sixty-fifth street. Where he is at present, his wife does not know, nor does she care so long as he keeps his entomological collection with him. The insects worried Mrs. Ridder into a state of chronic insomnia, and came near hurrying her into a premature grave, she declares.

Herman Ridder was periodically addicted to the "howling howl." He "swore off," however, and had nothing to do with "bugs" when he became engaged to be married. In 1888 the marriage took place, and shortly thereafter Herman grew interested again in natural history. His delicacy prevented him from turning beetles and other creepy things loose on Mrs. Ridder until several weeks after the nuptials.

He first amused himself by yelling in her ear at short range. He never failed to awaken with a start, whereat the humorous printer laughed. Then he took to tickling her feet with a feather and dropping cold water in her face. One morning early the husband returned home with a pickle jar full of cotton bugs, beetles and cockroaches which he placed in Mrs. Ridder's bed.

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SPAIN'S DEVICE TO SAVE TIME.

Tricky Manner in Which She
Seeks to Evade the
Cuban Tariff Issue.

Madrid, Nov. 25.—The clause in relation to the tariffs in the Government's proposed scheme of autonomy for Cuba provides for the creation of a mixed commission, to be composed of Cubans and Spaniards, which is to fix the tariffs. The rates fixed by the commission are to be adopted by the Cuban Chamber of Deputies and then approved by the Spanish Cortes before they become effective. Should the mixed commission come to a deadlock the Cortes is to be the arbiter of the question at issue.

Inasmuch as it is out of the question that any Cortes should ever be elected that would be willing to concede economic and tariff autonomy to Cuba, or consent to the United States being placed by Cuba upon the same favored tariff basis as Spain, this project of the Government may be regarded merely as a device to evade the real issue. That it is so regarded by Senor Moret, the Minister of the Colonies, is shown by the announcement that his office will be abolished, and that he will resign as soon as the law of autonomy is applied. He promised a few days ago to resign, unless Cuba was allowed to establish her own tariff.

Prime Minister Sagasta has received over one hundred dispatches from persons and organizations in Catalonia, Biscay and other provinces asking that the autonomy scheme be suspended.

FINE NEW GOLF COURSE.

Middlebrook Country Club Formally
Opens Its House On the Hills
at Bound Brook.

Bound Brook, N. J., Nov. 25.—The fashionable society folks of Somerset County thronged the grounds and golf course of the Middlebrook Country Club today.

Several drags and coaches came from Somerville and Barnardville, filled with merry ladies and society men, anxious to try their luck on the new links, said to be the finest in the country.

Afternoon tea was served in the new clubhouse to fully two hundred persons. Although the club has been organized

Business Notices.

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The famous
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Bayard Dines Gunboat's Officers.
Winnington, Del., Nov. 25.—Ex-Ambassador Bayard entertained the officers of the gunboat Wilmington at an elaborate Thanksgiving dinner today. The crew ate thirty turkeys and other good things at a dinner provided at the public expense.

Fatal Poison from Lead Penell.
John Benahan, a well known insurance agent of Yorkers, died yesterday in St. Joseph's Hospital of blood poison, which resulted from having cut a core in his foot with the blade of a knife which he had used to sharpen an indelible lead penell about the middle of the month of blood poisoning set in immediately after he cut his foot, and his life could not be saved.

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Beautiful Neck Scarfs of Alaska sable, with 2 heads and cluster of 10 tails, Challenge Price Friday..... 5.25

Ladies' Tailor-Made Jackets, of fine Kersey cloth, lined with extra heavy brocade silk, positive \$15.00 value, Challenge Price Friday..... 8.25

174 Dozen Wrappers, made of German flannel, with braided collar and yokes, waist lined, skirt full width and deep hem, positive value \$2.50, Challenge Price Friday..... 1.45

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Boys' Fine Boucle and Chinchilla Reefers, fast indigo blue; smaller sizes made with deep braided sailor collars, larger sizes made with velvet and ulster collars; you can tell at a glance they are \$5.50 values; Challenge Price Friday..... 2.00

One special lot of 125 dozen Boys' Waists and Blouses, heavy wool-faced domets and cutting flannels in dark and medium shades, best 35c. grade; Challenge Price Friday..... 15c

An assorted lot of 60 dozen Boys' Leggings, made of fine cloth and patent leather, goods that last season sold up to \$1.50; choice Friday at Challenge Price of..... 39c

Men's and Boys' Mackintosh Coats, made of heavy ribbed diagonal material, with capes, and "great coat" instals of \$4.00, for Friday, Challenge Price..... 2.15

50 cases of Men's Fine Derby and Fedora Hats, made of fur felt stock, with silk bands and bindings; hats that you cannot equal anywhere for less than \$2.50; for Friday, Challenge Price..... 1.25

Bargain Friday and the Challenge Sale
In the Millinery Dept.

Continuation of the extraordinary sale of Amazon Plumes, the sensation of the day, the most wonderful sale of high-grade ostrich plumes that has ever taken place in New York City. We have a vast general thousand of these magnificent Amazon plumes in black, white and cream colors, purchased from the Chemical National Bank, of this city, held by them for collateral, at less than half price. All to be now disposed of as follows:

Ostrich Feather Plumes, worth \$1.50; Challenge Price..... 75c

Ostrich Feather Plumes, worth \$2.00; Challenge Price..... 98c

Ostrich Feather Plumes, worth \$2.25; Challenge Price..... 1.25

Colored Dress Shapes, choice of any and all of them in the department, made of French fur felt in the season's newest and choicest shapes, Friday Challenge Price..... 50c

Ladies' Trimmed Alpines, made of French fur felt, handsomely trimmed, sweetest shapes of the season, colors black, navy, brown and gray, Challenge Price Friday..... 1.25

Bargain Friday and the Challenge Sale
In the Harness Dept.

Brown Woollen Shaped Stable Blankets, with 2 girths, special at..... 85c

Canvas Woollen Lined Stable Blankets, with 2 girths, special at..... 1.19

Square Blankets, fancy plaids, strictly all wool, special at..... 1.45

Fawn Blankets, 84x90, weight 7 1/2 lb., special at..... 2.80

Bargain Friday and the Challenge Sale
In Silks and Velvets.

1,000 Remnants of Silks and Velvets, remnants in all the colors and patterns imaginable, silk remnants, and velvet remnants, from 1 1/2 to 10 yards long, to be piled upon special counters for you to pick and choose from, to-morrow, Friday, at two bargain prices, Lot 1, containing Silk and Velvets originally sold at 75c, Choice at..... 38c

Lot 2, containing Silks and Velvets heretofore sold at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50, choice at..... 50c

50 pieces of splendid quality Black Taffeta Silk, the strictly all silk and rustling kind, extra strong and well wearing, nothing like it in New York for less than 50c, Challenge Price, Friday..... 38c

3,500 yards of Black Satin Duchesse, 24 inches wide, silk, substantial 75c. quality, to be sold to-morrow, Friday at the Challenge Price..... 50c

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In Dress Goods.

100 pieces of Plaid and Fancy Dress Goods, in the very latest and best assortments of colors and pattern, that were heretofore sold for 30c, 35c, and 40c, a yard; choice Friday at the Challenge Price of..... 19c

75 pieces of Black and English Jacquard and Diagonal Cloths, full 46 inches wide, all the choicest patterns of the season, strictly all wool and positively 85c. values; for Friday Challenge Price..... 44c

100 pieces of Scotch Mixed Cheviots, in the most beautiful colors for street wear, well wearing, fashionable imported goods that have never sold anywhere for less than 75c, Challenge Price Friday..... 48c

Bargain Friday and the Challenge Sale
In Night Gowns.

Ladies' Night Gowns, of good muslin, V-shape front, lace illustrations, 4 rows of embroidery insertion and 5 plaits, neat edge at neck and sleeves finished with pearl buttons, cut 66 inches long, Friday Challenge Price..... 39c

Bargain Friday and the Challenge Sale
In Embroidery.

One Lot of Japanese Silk Cushion Tops, handsomely embroidered in silk and good tinsel, size 22x22, all colors, values up to 75c, Challenge Price Friday..... 39c

One Lot of Japanese Silk Lambrequins, handsomely embroidered in gold, heavy knotted fringe, full line of colors, heretofore sold up to \$1.50; choice Friday..... 98c

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In Upholstery.

One lot of very beautiful porcelaine portieres, secured at a sacrifice, adjustable to single or double doors and ready to hang. There is nothing that will improve the looks of your room more than one of these handsome porcelaine portieres, and to-morrow, Friday, you can buy them at the lowest price on record..... 1.55